IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUDICATURE, ANDHRA PRADESH
AT HYDERABAD
(Special Original Jurisdiction)

WEDNESDAY, THE FIFTH DAY OF JULY
TWO THOUSAND AND SIX

PRESENT
THE HON'BLE SRI JUSTICE BILAL NAZKI

WRIT PETITION No.11540 of 1997

Between:

M/s.Srinivasa Plasters (P) Ltd.,
Rep. by its Managing Partner: M.Prabhakar Reddy.
..... PETITIONER

AND

1.The A.P.State Electricity Board,
rep. by its Member Secretary,
Vidyut Soudha, Hyderabad, and 2 others.
.....RESPONDENTS

ORDER:

Petitioner challenges the bills issued by the respondent-Electricity Board for payment of an amount of Rs.57,127/-. He submits that the premises, for which the bills are raised, was purchased by him in an auction conducted by the A.P.State Financial Corporation and the liabilities with regard to the said premises on account of electricity charges could not be fastened on him as they were

created when he was not owner of the said property.

In the counter-affidavit, the respondents have stated that there is no change in the name of the Company. Messrs Srinivasa Plasters was the original consumer and the present consumer is also Messrs Srinivasa Plasters. When the bills were not paid, the power connection was disconnected on 28-07-1991. Thereafter in 1997, the present petitioner approached the authorities for settlement of the dues and paid a sum of Rs.1,04,038/- leaving the balance of Rs.49,000/-. Therefore, at no point of time, it was stated that there had been a change of owner because of the auction conducted by the A.P. State Financial Corporation.

In this view of the matter, I allow the petitioner to make a representation to the respondent-authorities bringing to their notice all relevant facts. The representation shall be made within a period of two weeks. If such a representation is made, that shall be decided within a period of four weeks thereafter.

Writ Petition is, accordingly, disposed of. For a period of six weeks from today, the interim order granted by this Court on 11-06-1997 shall remain operative.

05-07-2006

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